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Applicants admit that a stormwater filter assembly comparable to that shown in U.S. Patent No. 6,649,048 having a check valve 34 shielded by a perforated check valve cap 35 that permits external stormwater to reach the check valve 34 is prior art to the independent claims of the present application.

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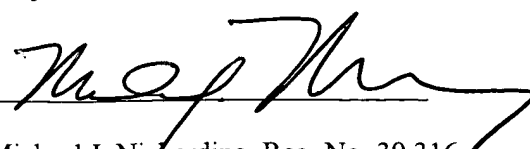
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